

## The St. Lucie County Environmental Lands

This project began in 1994 with the passage of a \$20 million local bond program. The mission of the program is to preserve, protect and restore eco-systems in their natural state while providing compatible public use.

- Natural communities are maintained through the use of prescribed fires.
- Wetlands are restored to historic levels and coverage
- Non-native populations of plants and animals are controlled.

**\*Site use by reservation only**

**\*\*Site not open to public**

**PLEASE USE THESE SITES AT YOUR OWN RISK**

Nature Programs Offered Winter Through Spring  
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## Northeast Region

### 1. Indrio Savannahs

Site is adjacent to and includes an extensive freshwater wetland system. Recreation opportunities include (2) observation towers, three miles of hiking trail, and fishing (*catch and release only*) (*electric motors are permitted*). Located 6/10 of a mile north of Indrio Road, at the corner of Tozour Road and U.S. 1. (297 acres)



### 2. Indrio Scrub

The site supports rare scrub flora and fauna, and contains a half mile self-guided interpretive trail. Parking lot located along Old Dixie, north of Indrio Road. (13 acres)



### 3. D.J. Wilcox

A canoe launch, fishing dock, and a half mile interpretive trail meanders through a mature hammock. Historical interest. Located east of Old Dixie highway at Indrio Rd. (105 acres)



### 4. St. Lucie Village Heritage Park

Unique property with hammocks, bay swamp, and mangrove forest. Contains one mile of interpretive trails, picnic area, disc golf course, horseshoes and volleyball court. Located at the intersection of Torpey Rd. and Old Dixie Highway. (70 acres)



### 5. Queens Island

Contains a canoe launch and fishing/crabbing pier. Located 3/4 mile North of Regal Rd. on North Hutchinson Island. (280 acres)



### 6. Kings Island

Site can be accessed through Jack Island. Recreational opportunities include nature viewing, hiking, cycling, fishing and bird watching. Located 1/4 mile North of Jackson Way on North Hutchinson Island. (174 acres)



### 7. Wildcat Cove

Recreational opportunities include hiking, bicycling, fishing and bird watching. Located on North A1A adjacent to fire station. (114 acres)



### 8. Sheraton Scrub

Acquired to protect several threatened species, the site contains a one mile self-guided interpretive trail and observation tower. Scrub-Jays are seen at this site frequently. Located on Juanita Ave. and 41st St. in Fort Pierce. (56 acres)



### 9. Lakewood Park Natural Area

Located within Lakewood Regional Park, this natural area contains 2 miles of nature trail. Located on Emerson Rd. 2 miles north of Indrio Rd. (160 acres)



## Southeast Region

### 10. Blind Creek

Recreational opportunities include fishing and beach access. Future plans include a nature trail. Located on south A1A North of FPL Nuclear Power Plant. (409 acres)



### 11. Ocean Bay

This site supports unique coastal vegetation. Recreational opportunities include an interpretive trail and hiking. A worm reef is located along the shoreline. Located one mile south of the FPL Nuclear Power Plant on south A1A. (33 acres)



### 12. Walton Scrub

Contains a 1/2 mile interpretive scrub trail and a view of the Indian River Lagoon. Located one driveway south of 10809 South Indian River Drive. Trail head is **now** open. (33 acres)



### 13. Spruce Bluff

Site of an early pioneer settlement and prehistoric Indian mound, along the banks of the St. Lucie River first settled in 1891. Recreation includes two interpretive trails and boardwalks. Located off Southbend Blvd., at the intersection of Peru St. and Dar Lane in Port St. Lucie. (97 acres)



## Central Region

### 14. Sweetwater Hammock

A quarter mile interpretive trail winds through a hammock to a canoe launch. Located on South 25th Street just south of Bell Avenue. (15 acres)



### 15. Ancient Oaks

An interpretive nature trail winds through a mature hammock and is adjacent to a playground and athletic fields of Weldon Lewis Park. Located 1/2 mile north of Midway Road on Oleander Avenue. (40 acres)



### 16. Oxbow Eco-Center

Borders the North Fork of the St. Lucie River, containing two miles of trail, canoe dock, boardwalks, nature center and observation towers. Located at 5400 N.E. St. James Blvd., Port St. Lucie. (220 acres)



### 17. Gordy Road Recreation Area

The site contains a 9 acre lake, (*Catch & Release only- electric motors are permitted*), canoe launch, compost restrooms, pavilion, picnic tables, half mile hiking trail and a 9 hole disc golf course. Located on Gordy Rd., one mile south of S.R. 70. (44 acres)



### 18. North Fork

Several parcels located along the river are accessible by canoe. Hiking trails and picnic tables are available. (130 acres)



### 19. Ten Mile Creek Natural Area

Site includes a canoe launch and interpretive nature trail through a floodplain forest community. Located on Gordy Rd., 0.8 miles south of S.R. 70. (8 acres)



### 20. George LeStrange Natural Area

Site includes a lake (*catch and release - electric motors allowed*) and Canoe launch. Located on Ralls Rd. 1/5 mile north of Selvitz Rd. (94 acres)



## Southwest Region

### 21. Paleo Hammock

The site has a one mile interpretive trail and observation tower. Historical interest. Located 4 miles south of S.R. 70 on Carlton Rd. Parking area on the right hand side. (120 acres)



### 22. Teague Hammock

Unusual tropical trees and plants are found in the hammocks including the largest known Simpson Stopper tree. One mile interpretive trail and wildlife blinds. Located across the street from Paleo Hammock. (300 acres)



### 23. Pinelands

Site containing six miles of trails and observation tower. Located 14.5 miles west of Kings Highway off S.R. 70. Turn left on VPI Grove Road and follow the signs. (750 acres)



### 24. Bluefield Ranch

Site of marsh, scrub and pinelands. Recreation opportunities include a wildlife blind, observation tower, primitive camping and 20 miles of hiking and horse trails. Located at the southern end of Bluefield Rd., 18 miles west of Ft Pierce off of SR70. (3,285 acres)



## Restoration / New Acquisitions

**25. Greene Swamp\*** - An extensive cypress preserve, not accessible to the public. (513 acres)

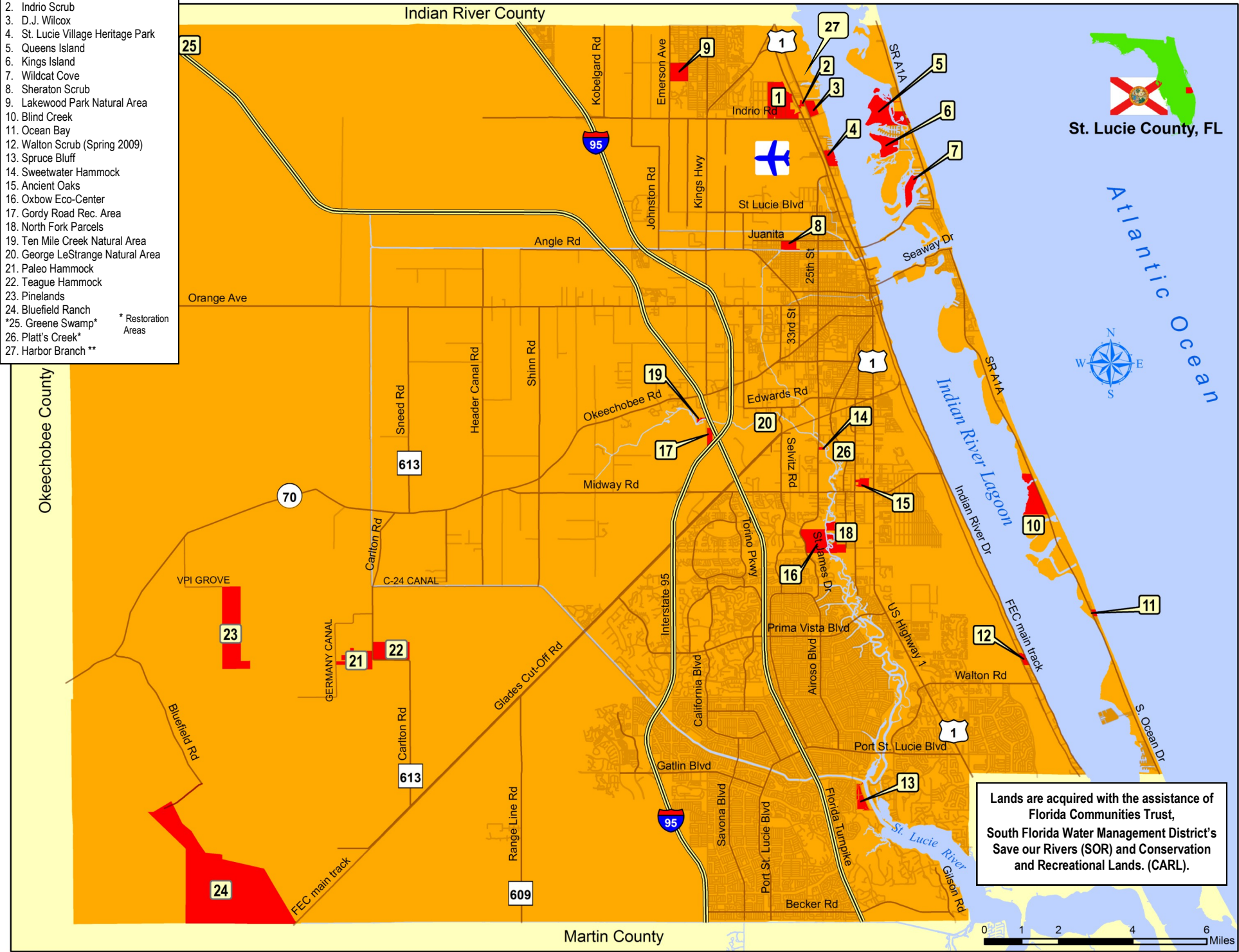
**26. Platt's Creek\*\*** - A restoration area located along the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. (100 acres)

**27. Harbor Branch\*\*** - The counties' newest acquisition property. This site will feature interpretive trails to the edge of the Indian River Lagoon, leading hikers through hydric hammock, baygall, and tidal swamp natural communities. **Northeast Region** (268 acres)



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## ST. LUCIE COUNTY NATURAL AREAS & PRESERVES



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## Environmental Lands Program Goals

- Preserve and Protect Native Upland Habitat.
- Preserve Ecologically Unique Natural Communities.
- Preserve Endangered and Threatened Species.
- Maintain Natural Flood Protection & Water Quality.
- Provide Passive, Resource-based Recreation Opportunities.

Lands are acquired with the assistance of  
Florida Communities Trust,  
South Florida Water Management District's  
Save our Rivers (SOR) and Conservation  
and Recreational Lands. (CARL).